

ALSAGER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1948.Council Offices,
Alsager.

The Chairman and Members of the Alsager Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman and Councillors.

I beg to present my annual report for 1948.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area.....2241 acres.

The registrar general's population estimate for Mid 1948- 5,137.

Estimated population in 1948(from food office records) 5,200.

Number of houses inhabited(end of 1948 according to rate books.
- 1,537

Rateable Value.- £30,423/0/0

Sum represented by a penny rate. £115.

Vital Statistics.

<u>Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Live births.	54	27	27
Birth rate. -10.5 per thousand inhabitants.			

Deaths.

Within the area.	31		
Transferable from outside.	14		
Total deaths.	45	27	18

Death rate - 8.7
per 1000 inhabitants.

Deaths from puerperal causes.	0
Deaths of infants under 1 year	2
Deaths from whooping cough or measles.	0
Deaths from infantile diarrhoea under 2 years.	0

Ages at death(including transferable deaths)

	<u>Total.</u>
Under 1 year	2
1-10	1
10-20	0
20-30	0
30-40	2
40-50	0
50-60	4
60-70	6
70-80	16
Over 80.	14
	45



Causes of death.

Carcinoma	7	Asphyxia	2
Arterio Sclerosis	6	Senile decay.	4
Cerebral Heamorrhage.	4	Cerebral	
Diseases of the heart.	5	Thrombosis	1
Coronary Thrombosis.	11	Thyroidectomy	1
Accident.	1		
Diabetes Meditus	2		
Gl Cystitus and stone	1		
			<u>45</u>

2 inquests were held during the year.

General provision of Health service In the Area.

Public Health Officer of Authority.
 Medical Officer of Health.
 Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector (combined offices)

The above have held office for 27 and 41 years respectively.
 The Medical Officer is part time and the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector is a full time official.

Laboratory Facilities.

The pathological department of the Royal Infirmary Chester is available for all forms of chemical and bacteriological examination. The County Analyst Dr. Melling for the examination of water also the Public Health Service Monsol Hospital, Manchester 10.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Council's ambulance vehicle was presented to the County Council provided that it remained in Alsager, whilst this has been of great benefit so far as the patients are concerned it has proved of considerable disadvantage to the maintenance of the Council's services as the Driver's of the council's vehicles are frequently called out during working hours.

The use of the ambulance is increasing and the Council are endeavouring to make other driving arrangements.

Thanks are due to the drivers and attendants for the great care taken for the welfare of the patients.

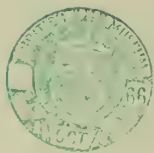
Nursing in the Home.

Since the commencement of the National Health Service on July 5th 1949 a new arrangement has been made whereby our part time nurse, Nurse Weatherall, has been taken over by the County Association. Her time is now employed full time nursing in Alsager E.D.C. area and in Radway Green and Barthomley.

For the nursing of certain infectious diseases, patients are at once removed to West Heath Sanatorium, Nr Congleton unless private isolation can be provided. No special arrangements are made for whooping cough and measles which have to be looked after at home except in complicated cases of the diseases, which may be admitted to the West Heath Sanatorium.

Scabies.

Treatments for children are carried out by the school nurse adult cases are treated by the District Nurse. ~~Facilities are provided by your Council.~~



Venereal Cases can Obtain Treatment as Follows:-North Stafford Royal Infirmary.

Males.	Monday to Friday.	6.30 p.m.	8.0 p.m.
	Tuesdays to Fridays.	9.30 a.m.	12 noon
Females.	Monday to Friday.	5.0 p.m.	6 p.m.
	Tuesdays to Thursdays	9.30 a.m.	12 noon
	Saturdays.	10.0 a.m.	12 noon.

Municipal Treatment Centre. Wellesley Street, Hanley.

Both Sexes.	Monday and Thursday	3.30 p.m.	to	7.0 p.m.
	Tuesday and Friday	10.30 p.m.		1.0 p.m.
	Wednesday.	2.30 p.m.		5.0 p.m.

Crewe.

8, Hardman Street Tel. Crewe 3019.

Doctor's Clinics

Males and Females.	Tuesday	9.30 - 11.30 a.m.
	Friday.	5.0 - 7.0 p.m.

Intermediate Treatment.

Males. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and Saturday.
9 - 11.30.

" " Thursday and Friday 5.0 - 7.0 p.m.

Females. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. - 2.0 - 4.0 and
5.0 - 7.0 p.m.
Tuesdays, 9.0 - 11.30 a.m.
Saturdays. 9.0 - 11.30 a.m.

Fever.

The West Heath Sanatorium, Nr Congleton. Here accommodation has been sufficient and no arrangement has yet been made for the alteration of accommodation for infectious cases. Under the Health Service Scheme this hospital may be closed in the near future.

Smallpox. There is a building for the accommodation of this at Arclid.
Tuberculosis. The Cheshire Joint Sanatorium at Market Drayton.

Orthopaedic.

An orthopaedic clinic is held at Crewe Memorial Hospital to deal with these cases at which an orthopaedic specialist attends at intervals.

Hospital treatment at the North Staffs Royal Infirmary and at the Cripples Aid Society is also available.

Maternity.

Beds are available at the maternity Hospital at Wybunbury which serves the need of the Alsager Urban District.

Midwifery Service.

A Maternity Nurse appointed by the County Council provides domiciliary service in the district, under the County Council scheme (Midwives Act 1936) she resides within the district of Alsager.

Mental Health Service.

Under the National Health service Act 1946 the duties which have hitherto been discharged by the District Relieving Officer will not be carried out by an Authorised Officer of the Public Health Committee of the County Council. The Officer for Alsager is R.E. Broach, Esq. 1 Gatefield Street, Crewe. Private address 180, Crewe Road, Alsager.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.Water Supply.

During the year the water supply has been adequate to supply the needs of the district. The number 3 pump has been taken out and reconditioned. The standing level in the borehole shows no appreciable change.

Analysis.

The water from all 3 boreholes and a sample taken from the premises of a private consumer were analysed during the year and the County Analyst reported as follows:-

A hard water of an exceptionally high organic purity and as far as the sample from private premises is concerned this was reported as a thoroughly wholesome bacteriological quality.

Piped Supply.

There is now only one house which is not directly connected to the water supply and no complaints have been received and this has its own well from which water is taken.

Sewage Disposal.

The Radway Green works were taken over by the Ministry during the year and both the Longview and Day Green works have operated satisfactorily.

Refuse Dump

Tipping control was exercised and there have been no complaints. The Marl Pits will be completely filled up and another site will have to be obtained.

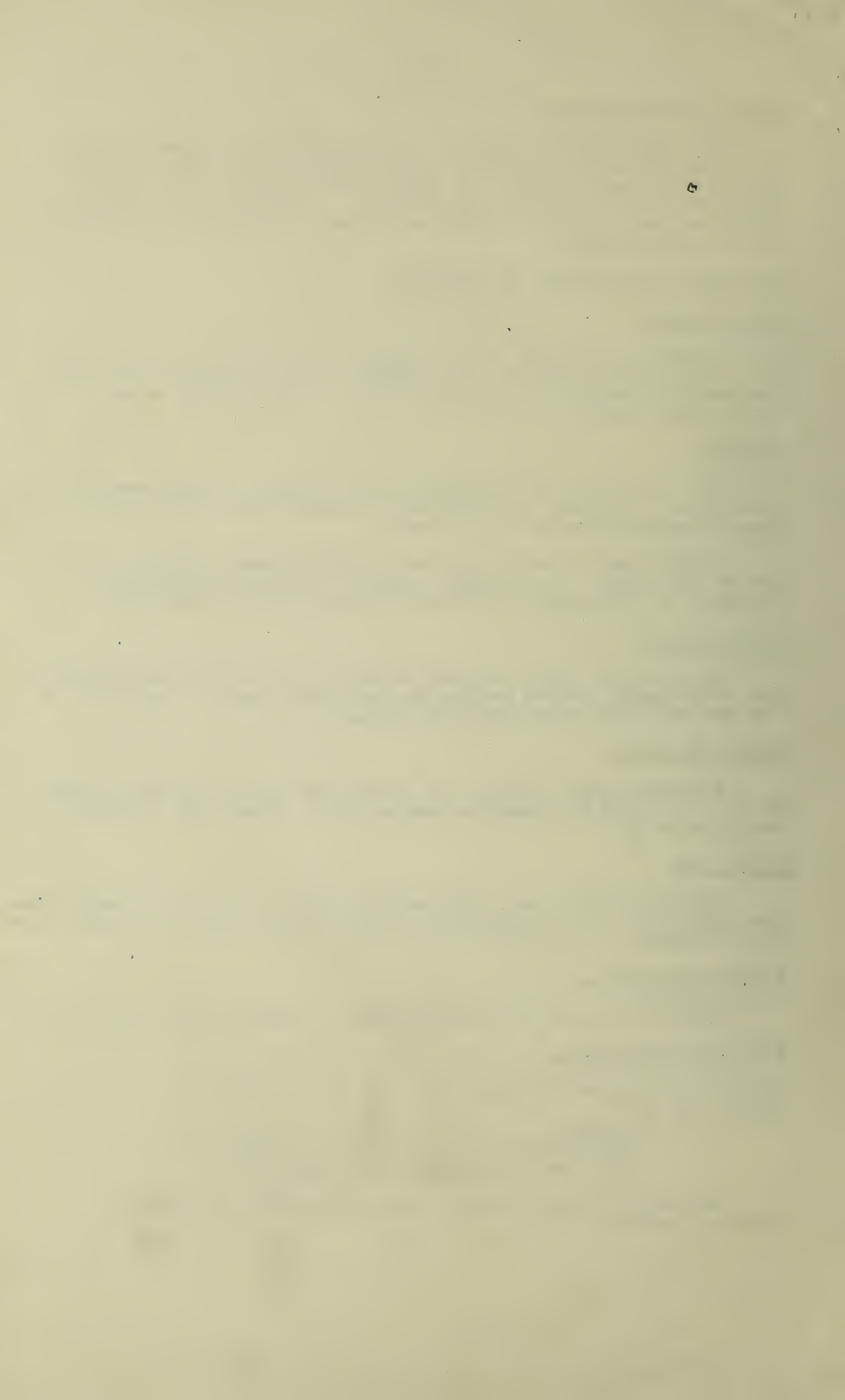
Farms and Dairies.

No serious cases of uncleanness or neglect were discovered.

Sanitary Inspection.

Total No of inspections made.	538
Consisting of	
Housing	214
Miscellaneous.	207
Other nuisances (including water)	117.

Generally informal notices were sufficient to have the defects remedied.



Housing Statistics.

Total number of houses inspected for defects under the Public Health and Housing Acts.	72
Defects brought forward from 1947	3
No of informal notices served.	46
No of formal " "	4
" " defects remedied.	40
" " houses found not fit for habitation.	0
" " houses unfit for habitation.	0
" " defects carried forward. --- 8 informal.	
2 formal.	10

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Frequent inspections were made of shop premises, icecream manufacturers, storage accomodation for food, slaughter houses, etc. and no cases of any importance had to be dealt with. There were however, a considerable number of cases chiefly from Heathside College where small quantities of tinned food was found to be unfit for human consumption. The contents were condemned and in most cases destroyed.

Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The Royal Infirmary at Chester carry out this work if required.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were 20 cases of notifiable disease under the Public Health Act (including Tuberculosis) during the year as follows:-

Scarlet Fever.	7
Tuberculosis. (pulmonary)	2
" (non-Pulmonary)	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	1
Pneumonia.	2
Erysipelis	1
Measles.	6

20

Tuberculosis.

The under mentioned specimens of sputum received by the County Laboratory from persons resident in the area were examined with the results shown.

Positive...1... Negative17... Total...18....

Deaths in the area 0.

Tuberculosis Cases.

Age. Periods.	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-25	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
25-35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Totals.</u>	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

